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County paves the way for more Dysart housing options

JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart has taken steps to allow more housing on developed lots.

Haliburton County approved the township's amendments to its Official Plan (OP) that would enable it to accommodate provincial Planning Act changes.

Dysart's municipally initiated OP amendment that takes in recent policy changes to the Planning Act. The changes were introduced to allow additional residential housing units.

The province introduced the policy changes as a means to "allow gentle intensification" of settlement areas, said Adam Kozlowski, the county's senior planner.

Dysart's OP amendment will permit development of an additional dwelling unit (ADU) in specified areas of the municipality.

Kozlowski said Dysart will allow an additional unit in Haliburton Village, one additional residential unit in the hamlet area, one of the smaller villages, and an additional unit in rural areas serviced year-round by a maintained road.

While the county's OP policies permit up to three additional units, final determination of the maximum number of units is at the discretion of local council.

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Dysart counters STR long application process

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Questions are being worked out about operating short-term rental properties in Dysart.

Jeff Iles, the township's planning director, outlined options for council regarding buildings associated with short term rentals (STR) that are located on a municipally-owned shore road allowance (SRA).

The draft bylaw forbids operating a short-term rental (STR) property located on a shore road allowance that is wholly- or partially-owned by the municipality or the provincial or federal governments without permission.

Based on the language in the draft bylaw, anyone wishing to operate an STR, where the dwelling is located on the SRA must either purchase the SRA or obtain permission from council.

Isles said council has in the past discussed options with licenses of occupation.

"Which would speed up the licensing process," he said.

Shore road license purchases is the preferred approach to a long-term solution to clear title to buildings located on a shore road allowance.

"But, as discussed, the approval timeline and the costs associated with that process could delay short-term rental licenses for a year while the applications are being processed," Iles said. "And it could cause some owners to cease the rental operations all together."

A license of occupation is a quicker option that's more cost-effective, he said. It will allow the operators to run their short-term rental (STR) property for this season and the next.

If township council chooses the licenses of occupations option, staff recommends a streamlined process to reduce the approval timeline and the impact on municipal staff capacity. A streamlined process could be done in weeks as opposed to months.

Another option is a hybrid model of sorts in which the township grants a license of occupation to the STR operators while the shore road allowance purchase makes its way through the process.

"Council does not need to pick just one option," Iles said. "Council can make all options available to the applicants."

If council would like applicants to benefit from a streamlined process, Iles said he needs direction on how he and the township's lawyer to devise a standard agreement template and a bylaw to return to council. The bylaw will give the mayor and clerk authority to sign off.

That way, Iles won't have to approach council with each application.

There's also a question of a licensing fee.

"Typically for docks and other things we've done $500 and, on past licenses, council seems to be setting the term until the end of the council term," he said. "That's something you might want to discuss."

"If you're willing to purchase your shoreline road allowance, do you need a license of occupation because you've already started the ball rolling?" said Councillor Carm Sawyer. "Why should we penalize you because you're doing your due diligence? You're trying to get there, why should we charge you $500 as well?"

"It was discussed at the county, that you could buy a license of occupation," said Mayor Murray Fearrey. "We're just streamlining our portion of it."

"There's got to be a process in place to mitigate those that want to purchase their shore road allowance," said Karl Korpela, the municipality's chief building official.

"Something in place where they show that they have the insurance while they go through the process of purchasing their shore road allowance."

He said the difference from the other three lower tier municipalities is that Dysart isn't pushing people to buy their SRA.

"It appears that the other municipalities is going to be recommending that everybody who has a STR purchase their shore road allowance if they have a structure on there," Korpela said. "We're not going to that extent."

Unless that's an avenue council wishes to pursue, he said.

"Some people would never get rented for three years," Fearrey said.

"I think our approach is definitely reasonable," Korpela said.

As clarification, Deputy Mayor Walt McKechnie said a license of occupation is unnecessary for anybody buying their shore road allowance, as long as they have proof of insurance.

"Is this a change that we could make?" McKechnie said.

"If they want to purchase their shore road allowance, they don't need a license," Iles said. "They can't get a license for their short-term rental until they've completed the purchase of the shore road allowance."

And that's why something needs to be in place to allow the STR while the owner is going through that year or two-year process, Korpela said.

Council agreed that the license of occupation application fee be $500 and the annual licensing fee be $500 with the term automatically renewed until the STR is no longer licensed. STR applicants with insurance who plan to purchase a shore road allowance will be charged $500 annually.

Policy prohibits added housing on private roads

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environmental policies.

"Following through with that, municipal zoning will establish the performance standards for these additional residential units such as setbacks, size, height, son on," he said.

Kozlowski said the basis of Dysart OP Amendment No. 3 is to implement recent changes to provincial policy documents.

Bill 108, the More Homes, More Choice Act, brought significant changes to the Planning Act, including authorizing additional residential units in a house or building ancillary to a house.

Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, implemented further changes to the Planning Act and strengthened the additional residential unit framework to permit landowners to add up to three residential units where full municipal water and sewer services are available.

"Basically, what you'll be looking at is the residential house is No. 1," Kozlowski said. "And then you could have either two apartments in a house or you can have one apartment in the house and one apartment in a detached garage."

The proposed amendments recognize the servicing capabilities of the municipality and therefore intend to update and strengthen the existing language surrounding "secondary units", to permit and provide a policy framework for additional dwelling units.

The proposed amendments further intend to update and strengthen the existing language for complete applications and clarify the types of applications that require pre-consultation.

An amendment to the municipality's zoning bylaw is also being contemplated to incorporate provisions to regulate the use of additional dwelling units.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux, the deputy mayor of Algonquin Highlands, asked if a property zoned waterfront but otherwise meets the criteria for a secondary dwelling could qualify for a zoning variance.

"The policy introduced here through this amendment is pretty specific," Kozlowski said. "It says it's not permitted in a waterfront designation."

In Dysart, the waterfront designation extends a specific number of feet back from the lake's edge, he said.

"It's kind of a buffer around the lake," he said. "A waterfront parcel, if it's in the waterfront designation, the policy would not allow it."

The policy changes don't permit added housing on lots accessible by private roads.

"So I guess we will all have to watch because we'll be getting a lot of pressure to assume roads in all of our townships," said Coun. Bob Carter, the mayor of Minden Hills.

Coun. Cecil Ryall, the deputy mayor of Highlands East, wondered if some of the smaller private roads could be deemed to be mutually-shared driveways.

"In other words, I've got three houses on a private road, but it's only 600 metres long," he said. "So they say this is basically a shared driveway. Not a private road."

"Just off the top, it does sound gray and I know there are situations out there where you have properties that have houses and they have shared driveways," Kozlowski said. "I think the key here is that the lot in question has to have frontage on and access to a year-round maintained road."

He suggested local municipal staff may have to consider rezoning to fairly recognize such a scenario.

"It will be very case-by-case in that situation," he said.

Another aspect of the Dysart amendment updates the application criteria. The provincial legislation and the county OP have policies that establish authority to request further information as part of a complete application.

Peer-review comments and other agency comments are now required for an application to be complete. That means a peer-reviewed traffic study and comments from the Ministry of Transportation are required to complete an application.

"This way council has the complete picture in front of it," Kozlowski said. "All the comments have been vetted. By front-ending that requirement, it should allow the applications to be processed more efficiently."

There'll be less back and forth between councils and applicants because it's pointed out all the information that's required.

Another change is that the previous policy didn't require pre-consultation on site plans for zoning variations.

Coun. Murray Fearrey, Dysart's mayor, asked if the site plan approval will require surveying or a mere sketch of the idea.

"I would suggest that it depends on the size of it," Kozlowski said. "If it was an industrial development, I would probably want a survey or sketch."

Ultimately, Kozlowski said it's at council's discretion what they would like to see

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New CEO a bright light at the library

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Haliburton County Public Library's leadership was recently put in the capable hands of Andrea Brown, a new local to Haliburton whose passion for providing support to the community through the library's services shines through her warm personality.

She loves the county and wants to see it thrive, using 20 years of experience to get there.

"I want the library to be a place where everyone feels welcome and belongs," Brown said. "The public library is free, and we know a lot of people in Haliburton are struggling financially right now for all sorts of different reasons. We have a seasonal population with a lot more economic resources, but a lot of people that live here year-round really benefit from the types of programs and collections that we have at the library."

After working in libraries across the country for two decades, it's no surprise she was hired in 2021 as program and outreach coordinator.

Her role quickly turned into the public services manager and deputy CEO, before becoming the full-fledged chief in February.

"It's been very, very, very busy," she laughed. "I've definitely settled in here."

Although she's technically been a Haliburton County resident for a couple of years, she knew the Highlands would become home for much longer.

"My family has a cottage close by. My grandparents' generation bought a piece of land and built four cottages. It still belongs to our family and is the most magical place," Brown said. "I always knew that I eventually wanted to come back to this area and be close to the cottage that I love so much."

Andrea Brown, Haliburton County Public Library's new CEO, stands outside the Dysart branch. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Brown attended Trent University in Peterborough for her undergrad.

Working at the Bata Library there during her studies ignited the spark.

"I knew I wanted to devote my life to developing communities that are strong and resilient. I love helping people and of course love reading," she laughed.

Brown then moved out west to earn her Master of Library and Information studies at UBC.

She applied at the Vancouver Public Library and started out shelving books in the children's library.

"I was very lucky and had lots of great learning opportunities there," she said. "I did a lot of really interesting community work, not just in the library but spending time out in the community. I went to food banks, refugee support programs, teen support programs."

She worked as the Early Years assistant coordinator and had the opportunity to help develop a children's book that helps kids and parents with early literacy at home.

"Public libraries everywhere, from coast to coast to coast, have a mandate about sharing information, ideas, and stories. There are many similarities for all in terms of providing access and maintaining intellectual freedom," she said. "That of course applies to HCPL, too."

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Brown was flying back to Ontario several times a year to visit family.

"We knew it was just time to come back."

While looking for different places to live with public library job postings, she was thrilled to see Haliburton's name in the mix.

"I always wanted to come back to the forest and the lakes," she said. "Here's it's such a fabulous community. We have so many people who volunteer and contribute, we have a thriving local media which we're so lucky to have."

Although it's a much smaller community than the bustle of Vancouver, Brown said HCPL's programming is just as robust.

"The library has so much to offer everyone. There are so many resources online too," she said. "If you have internet access at home or want to come to the library, we have the Libby app that can be downloaded for free. There are so many magazines available for free."

E Books and Audiobooks are also available through the HCPL website.

"There's lots more than just books in the library. We have so many programs," she said.

Although everyday is busy, Brown looks ahead to the future.

"What I'm most looking forward to is seeing what kind of creative, exciting projects we can come up with together to serve our community and to make it a fun and exciting place to live and be for everyone," she said.

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"I'm thrilled to work with such a talented team. Every single staff member here has great heart and passion for serving the community. I can't wait to see where that takes us," Brown said.

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STR rules to include township-specific differences

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County-wide bylaws and policies regarding short-term rental properties need some municipality-specific details.

Highlands East council got a look at some of the aspects of the proposed short-term rentals (STR) bylaw that may be interjected for that township but not necessarily apply to the other three lower-tier municipalities.

The other jurisdictions have similar instances in the proposed bylaw would apply more to them than neighbours.

Discussion in other municipalities about the necessity to require outside signage at STR properties. Some owners have expressed concern about personal safety and the security of their properties that may be jeopardized by advertising targets to ne'er-do-wells.

Another issue that's been broached in other townships is what to do with STRs on municipally-owned shore road allowances.

Kim Roberts, the township's junior planner, said council will hear more details about a municipal accommodation tax associated with the STR bylaw in April. Scott Ovell, Haliburton County's economic development and tourism director, is slated to address the township council then.

"The biggest thing about having a bylaw is that it provides staff and the public with a framework by which we can address issues and questions around short-term rentals," she said.

"In the absence of a bylaw or policy it's really tough for staff, especially in the bylaw enforcement department, to kind of address some of the concerns that get brought forward."

Though there may be some bylaw details specific to Highlands East, she said it's important to maintain a uniform bylaw throughout the four lower tier municipalities.

"Our draft, it does look a little bit different from the one that came from the county initially," Roberts said. "The substantive aspect of it is more or less exactly the same."

Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall said he'd like as much clarity on the policy as possible so the people in his ward can be as informed as possible when they ask a question of him.

"But, in essence, we've parked this in the right place," he said.

Ryall asked if the director and the appeals committee referenced in the draft bylaw is on the county side or the municipality's responsibility.

"That's something that staff will probably be talking about at some point," Roberts said. "Director is just the language that the bylaw used for the person who is going to be responsible for administering the bylaw at the municipality."

In earlier drafts of the legislation, the responsibilities of director as referenced in the latest draft was originally going to fall on the desk of the county's director of planning.

But then it was decided that there would be four lower-tier bylaws to govern the STR industry.

"Ultimately, staff are going to sit down with our CAO and determine who in our office is going act as that director," Roberts said.

In the bylaw specific to Highlands East, it's outlined that the director is to be somebody appointed by council. Other municipalities may be more job title specific in their bylaw.

"Because we're still kind of fine tuning those aspects, we've left the county's language in there and we'll just tighten it up," she said.

But the appeals committee will be at the upper tier county level, she said.

The term couch surfing, which was mentioned in the literature provided to council, piqued Ryall's curiosity.

"When we're talking about short-term rentals, we really talking about the accommodation of people sort of in a bedroom, in a guest room similar to a bed and breakfast, or a whole cottage rental," Roberts said.

"I think couch surfing is the kind of thing where your friend needs a spot to stay for a couple of days and pays you $20 to literally sleep on your couch. I don't think that's what the bylaw is hoping to address or penalize. That's why that wording is there."

Guests renting a property won't own that property, Ryall said. So who is responsible if the road on which the STR is located is blocked for some reason and the fire department or paramedic service can't get through?

"Why take the liability there?" he said.

"Ideally in all situations, anybody who is spending any time in a habitable building is able to have an ambulance or a fire truck get to them," Roberts said. "There are plenty of people in Highlands East that live year-round or cottage at properties that currently our emergency services would have some difficulty getting to."

As an example, there are a number of water access cottages, she said.

"This is ultimately not specifically a short-term licensing issue," she said. "It is a development on a private road conversation."

Ryall took his query further: "We're granting people a license to rent (property) to other people. Now all of a sudden that renter is hurt and an ambulance can't get to them. Because we granted the license, are we going to be liable for anything that happens to that person who could not get the ambulance down to them?"

Roberts said the municipality requires an affidavit from the property owner explaining that they are informing the renters of emergency services access. And there'll soon be a Code of Conduct with provisions that will limit the township's liability in such cases.

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Dysart opens Head Lake Park to farmers' market

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> *"The community can once again enjoy the Farmers' Market in Head Lake Park.*
>
> — Mike Townsend, HCFMA member

A deal has been made that will allow a beloved farmers' market at Head Lake Park this year.

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association hosted a marketplace of local vendors at the park for a little more than a decade. But that changed last year when the market was relocated to Rotary Beach Park.

That venue change was blamed for an almost 30 per cent drop in attendance last year.

There was back and forth between the association and Dysart township council in a months-long effort to resolve issues and enable the market to return to Head Lake Park.

Council imposed new conditions to the park's terms of use in November 2023. Those terms were to protect the municipality from paying for park repairs and to assuage liability concerns.

To cover alleged property damage at the park, council proposed a $1,000 fee for each month July to September, the peak months. A $700 fee would be applied for other months.

The most recent offer by council was that the market could return to the park in 2025 and that each vendor pony up $5 to the township each market day.

In a Feb. 5 letter to township council, the association outlined a counter-offer that was hoped to achieve a workable compromise. And the group proposed a committee be formed of farmers' market association members and municipal parks and recreation staff.

The association looked at farmers' markets in other central and southern Ontario locations. Of the 18 markets contacted, 15 get use of their location free of charge from their respective municipality and six get additional support in the form of security, use of municipal staff, trash pick-up, and even funding in some instances.

Those asked to pay a fee were indoor markets.

Ultimately, the association will pay $4,200 to the township and the first market is slated for May 14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Head Lake Park will hold the farmers' market each Tuesday.

The association's Mike Townsend, who is also a market vendor, took part in presentations to the municipal council.

He said the association's board thanks the community and a number of other organizations for support during "our struggle" to return to Head Lake Park.

"We unfortunately did not get the outcome or the support from Dysart council that we were looking for, and hope that all users of the park will be treated equitably moving forward," he said.

"With the market season fast approaching, we felt it best to get the vendors back into the park and to get things underway so that the community can once again enjoy the Farmers' Market in Head Lake Park."

Sowing learning seeds

The Haliburton County Public Library hosted a Wild about Wildflowers and Herbs workshop at the Dysart, Minden, and Stanhope branches over March Break. Attendees learned how to cultivate their own garden from seed and learned about the importance of choosing native pollinator plants. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

Group shares idea for HE transitional housing community

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Little Blue Cabins may be a means to help alleviate the housing crunch in Highlands East.

Kevin Taylor, the chairperson of the Little Blue Cabins (LBC) board of directors, said the whole idea is to walk beside somebody toward a fresh start from homelessness.

He told township council March 12 that nearby Hastings County has adopted LBC as its model for transitional housing.

And other townships are considering the same, he said.

"The more support we get from surrounding communities for this project, the better," Taylor said.

He said LBC isn't a collection of little tin sheds that are expected to house the homeless.

"There is still a very dire need for 24/7 emergency housing within the Bancroft community, which does include your municipality," he said. "I know several people from your municipality that are suffering homelessness."

LBC is a transitional measure, he said, that would take people from an emergency shelter through an input process toward a fresh start in life.

It's more than just the individual or family, though.

"There will be 20 people all on the road to a fresh start in life," Taylor said. "That means that they would also help govern the facility in the respect that the residents will help generate the rules and the consequences for others living there with them."

That will be guided through the group's board of directors and a house advisory committee.

"To make sure this is all done properly," he said.

At its core, LBC is a long-term health care facility that will be nestled in the woods with a community building and 20 small individual cabins people can consider to be their home, he said.

"We don't know how long the transition time takes to when each individual can be able to handle having a job and paying rent and what have you," Taylor said.

Walking beside somebody toward a fresh start means social service and mental health professionals will visit the facility for assistance.

"What'll happen is it'll become a community of 20 people all on the same mission, to just have a totally fresh start, to not repeat the cycle, to not end up back downtown again," Taylor said.

He even spoke about people volunteering to train the transitional residents with a trade.

"Just to show them that they have worth and that there's a potential for them to actually have a job in the future," he said.

Life skills training will also be a component in the effort to help people get back on their feet.

"We all know that many folks require just the basic life skills training," Taylor said. "And that can take some time if people have been living a life on the street for any length of time. Their whole view of normality is different than ours."

So you walk with those folks, he said.

And that's kind of the LBC intent: To walk with people toward different life circumstances.

"This involves you," he said of municipal participation. "I'm not coming to ask you for anything. Just support."

Councillor Angela Lewis said the conception is for 20 people per LBC community.

"So what happens when 30 or 40 more people come into the community that are unhoused?" she said. "Where do they go?"

He said that, based on research into the experiences of other tiny cabin communities, anything more than 25 cabins "is going to be trouble."

Having 25 cabins is where the LBC setup maxes out, he said.

"We have to keep in mind that there is an intake process," Taylor said. "And people have to be willing to have a changed life.

"There already is 50 or 60 unhoused people in our community. So that already exists."

It's a transitional option, he said, and some people might not be in the LBC community very long.

"We can't fix it all," Taylor said. "My biggest dream is that there will be more than one Little Blue Cabins community. I believe we're going to build this so well and run it so well that it will be rubber stamped."

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How many times is that word in today's paper?

Short-term rentals, transitional housing, affordable housing, a lack thereof.

Council's approval to allow additional dwelling units on some developed lots in Dysart will help a bit.

It's put a couple of bricks down in the foundation.

But there's still not enough to go around.

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation says the whole country needs 35 million housing units built before 2030 to restore real estate affordability.

If current immigration levels are sustained, that's four million.

Three million more would be needed if the economy tanks.

The population keeps growing, and there isn't enough supply to keep up, making it more expensive to build and buy.

Haliburton isn't an exception.

Our population grew by 14 per cent between 2016 and 2021 and continues to climb.

Of course we know the wealth gap in the county is huge.

Million dollar mansions are going up next to people who have aluminium car roofs as their only shelter in Haliburton's four seasons.

So I shouldn't say there isn't enough to go around in general, there isn't enough to go around for those needing "affordable" options.

But guess what?

We can't label "affordable" as low-income anymore.

Twenty five per cent of Haliburton County households are spending 30 per cent or more of their income on shelter.

From the last housing assessment for the county, 562 households were on the waiting list for social housing.

Thirty people or families identified as being homeless. Eighty per cent of those households marked their situation as acute.

At the end of this week, Places for People's Sleeping in Cars initiative will show 40+ people what it's like to be in that situation for just one night.

Nataly Mylan, the fundraiser's organizer, said the area's homeless situation isn't improving.

Places for People is doing everything they can to maintain their own housing units, "but it's so hard to acquire more."

Sleeping in Cars is a fundraiser to help with some of the costs of their already-existing units, but Mylan said, more importantly, it's to raise awareness about who is homeless and why and to seek solutions.

vivian collings

With minimum wage at $16.55 an hour in Ontario, Haliburton County's living wage is at $20.60 an hour.

This means an individual must make $20.60 cover the cost of housing and still have enough to put gas in the car and food in the fridge.

It's no wonder minimum wage jobs aren't being filled.

The $16.55 might be okay for a high school student living at home, but adults can't make a living off of it.

And even then, those students have to afford to live on their own in a couple of years.

I recently read about one Canadian student who lives at home but flies to school every week and stays in a hotel for a few days. They calculated it to be cheaper than paying for rent at their university.

We have to make sure this is an ongoing conversation.

Visit Head Lake Park on Friday night to join in.

Awareness is the first step to change, after all.

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Green meadow

Tales from the great

Share your light

IT WAS a cool Saturday.

I pulled on my Long Johns, my work pants, wool socks, a couple of layers of tops and a sweater, an old coat, mitts and a hat. I was ready to spend the afternoon by the lake making maple syrup with my husband Jim, and our friends (P and M) who share their sugar bush with us.

Our dog, Billie Rose, came with us because she is always a good friend to have along. We got out there, the fire was blazing and the syrup was bubbling away.

We hung out for a bit, chit chatting and feeding the fire. So simple and so relaxing. We had the radio on, and Dan Sullivan began his "Saturday Escape" program.

The theme was novelty songs. As the show progressed we turned the music up and danced our hearts out as we fed the fire and filled the evaporator.

lynda shadbolt

A couple of times, P and I got into his truck to go empty the sap buckets. We were singing with every song.

Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road. Itsy Bitsy Yellow Polka Dot Bikini. The Candy Man! We laughed when Jean Neville called in *My Boomerang Won't Come Back,* I had never heard the song before, but P knew it and had stories about his family and the song.

At one point, for about an hour big huge snowflakes fell and it was so pretty and we happily worked and sang.

The song *Always Look on the Bright Side of Life* came on, and as we carried heavy buckets of sap along the road, I couldn't help but think that P and M always look on the bright side of life. If you know them, you know what I mean. P and M look for goodness.

As William Prince says in his song "Keep to the path that carries the light," P and M are on that path. It's just so easy to be with people who are positive, uplifting, joyful and fun.

Recently I dug out my gratitude journal, and I've been starting my day with at least five things I am grateful for. In the ancient wisdom traditions, they talk about the importance of "gladdening our minds" every day and how that helps with our mental health, our relationships and our overall well-being.

Gratitude is good for the heart! I think the idea is that you have a basic foundation of gratitude and then anything that comes to you in your day is held by gratitude, by love.

The easy things and the more challenging things. We are all given challenges and we are all given movements of delight and love and joy and happiness.

When these beautiful moments come your way, stop and really feel and absorb them and let them fill you up. As we sang and did our sap dance (eventually the novelty songs ended and Dan switched to songs for St. Patrick's Day), I couldn't help but wonder how many people in our county were dancing and singing along with Dan, maybe even boiling their sap.

I am sure many people were sending him and Canoe FM gratitude. There are so many ways each of us can share our light.

All the light helps and matters.

points of view

Words to live by

steve galea

Loon Tales

THE OTHER day, I was perusing through the 1960 issue of *Sportsman's Guide*, a defunct magazine once mailed out by the people who also produced Sportsman Cigarettes.

OK, I'm a little behind on my reading.

Nevertheless the old magazine is a wonderful bit of nostalgia that and primarily deals with fishing for brook trout, back country camping, and other wholesome pursuits.

"Wow, that's an old magazine," Jenn noted.

"There is a lot of practical knowledge and wisdom in these old outdoor magazines. Those old-time outdoorsmen knew their stuff," I replied.

"Give me an example," she said.

I opened the magazine randomly to page 30's list of Bush Travel Tips. Then I scanned down to mid-page, silently read a couple of sentences, and said, "Never mind…"

Sensing a moment of weakness, Jenn took the magazine from me and read the advice that I didn't want her to see.

It said, and I quote, "Do not try to kidnap a "lost" bear cub. Its mother might not be far away, and the results – to you – might be painful."

She read it, looked at me, and said, "Sage advice indeed."

"Well, you don't get that kind of wisdom in *The New Yorker*," I replied.

But Jenn just smiled smugly and shook her head.

I'll admit that tip was something that sounded like it came straight out of a fortune cookie, but what Jenn didn't know was this was cutting edge outdoors wisdom in 1960. Before that tip was published, hundreds of well-meaning outdoorsmen were mauled every year by angry momma bears who wanted their cubs back – I'm guessing. And I told her as much.

She just chuckled quietly and walked away.

"Like you knew that," I muttered.

"I actually did," she said, as a parting shot.

So did I. And no doubt you did, too.

But that's only because this important bit of outdoors lore is now etched in our collective psyches, thanks, in no small part, to magazines just like this one and the people who were thoughtful enough to remind us.

Bear lore like this doesn't come out of thin air you know. And it certainly didn't come from the people who tried it, may their souls rest in peace.

My point is, *Sportsman Guide* magazine was known for this high standard of outdoors education. Unless I'm mistaken, in the 1958 edition, their experts advised us not to poke each other in the eyes with sharp sticks while roasting marshmallows – something so obvious now that its hardly ever written about.

That's why I was also interested to read another little-known tip right they divulged. It said, "Do not sit on the bare ground. It is harmful and might cause sickness. If caught out in the rain, it is better to sit on one's hat and to go bareheaded than to sit on the ground."

Let me say a couple of things before I move on. First, I never knew my mother read outdoors publications. Secondly, I now owe her an apology. Because when she told us this, we thought she was a little crazy – and now I also understand why she always sent us out with two hats.

Jenn laughed at this one too. She said she it was another ridiculous statement.

But I am not so sure. I mean when was the last time a tobacco company steered us wrong?

pic *of the* past

Jack Hunter (Deputy Chief), Tom Chambers (Chief) are pictured with an old Dysart fire-truck. Tom died in the Bank of Montreal fire in town. /File photo

letters to the editor

Library is a necessity to community

To the Editor,

As a resident of Haliburton County I rely heavily on the public library system. It seems the only place left to access information if you do not have reliable internet connection, sound digital literacy and reliable hardware. Not all of us have.

So defunding the library system in these economically and socially trying times seem to me like a slap in the face from our well heeled policy makers to the increasingly lesser fortunate part of our population. I would, in a second, agree to higher property taxes on my very humble home in Haliburton county if it were to support such services.

However, on public display is a council the clearly follows self serving agendas rather than the good of the general public. Please follow the county council's meetings, though I am sure the real decisions are made behind closed doors. The councillors still have to raise their hands.

The disenfranchised are the victims of this kind of policy, unfortunately we have little sway. I guess, they are counting on that.

Erik Scuhr,
Algonquin Highlands

No political interference with CPP

To the Editor,

Re: "Pension Plans have fiduciary duty to combat climate crisis"

A sincere thank you to Dave Love (Haliburton Lake) for his recent well written letter reflecting the voice of sanity and reason.

The Canada Pension Plan has a single mandate: to maximize investment returns in order to fund pension payments to Canadians. Its mandate is *not* to act as an advocate for social justice, climate change, income inequality or any other political agenda. That is the role of government and elected politicians.

Voters can elect politicians who best represent their political views and agenda. The CPP should be allowed to fulfil its mandate without political interference. All Canadians will be better off for it.

J. M. Thibault
Haliburton

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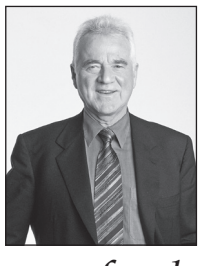
The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

Is technology accelerating the great divide in income?



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Principles

BACK IN the 1980s, when Artificial Intelligence (AI) was still the stuff of science fiction and computers and automation were changing the way we worked, a number of futurists and economists predicted "the end of work" and rising living standards.

Not only would we not need to work, according to these experts, but incomes and living standards would rise due to the wealth these new technologies generated.

Clearly, it hasn't quite turned out the way – at least not for the majority of Canadians.

When I was CEO of Magna International back in the late 1980s – the time when robotics first began appearing on automotive production and assembly lines – I publicly raised the issue of who would be the chief beneficiaries of these new technologies and what would happen to the assembly line jobs being replaced by robots.

It's hardly mentioned anymore nowadays, in part because most of our manufacturing has either been shuttered or offshored to countries where workers are still cheaper than robots.

But without a doubt, many jobs will disappear in the years ahead because of technological advances.

In the decade ahead, everything from self-driving transport trucks and taxi cabs to elder care robots will cause the loss of millions of jobs around the world. And that's not counting the job losses that will happen once AI becomes deeply rooted in the offices and workplaces of our country.

A report published last week by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said that AI – the most transformational new technology to emerge in our lifetimes – has the potential to increase incomes for high-income earners while also accelerating income inequality.

On the other hand, the IMF report also warned that AI could displace a large number of high-income workers performing white-collar jobs in finance, communications, and law.

But even if AI ends up wiping out a large number of jobs, we can't blame a technology for our society's growing income inequality. That's the fault of our system.

The fact remains, Canada's economic fundamentals are unsound and are not conducive to fostering economic growth.

If we want to insulate ourselves from the coming wave of job losses that AI will inevitably unleash, then we need to once again start making things. We need to stop exporting our abundant raw materials and importing finished goods made elsewhere.

We need to start turning our natural resources into value-added goods that the rest of the world wants to buy. And we need to unchain our entrepreneurs and small business owners so they can create the innovative new products that will generate added wealth and increase the size of our economy.

If we created the right conditions for start-ups and small businesses to thrive – by removing business income tax, for example – then we could spark an economic boom that would add hundreds of thousands of new jobs.

But small businesses across Canada have to unite and make their voice heard, because right now no one is listening to their needs, and unless they band together and become a force to be reckoned with, nothing will change.

Small businesses can revive our manufacturing sector – if we dismantle the red tape and create the right environment for them to grow and prosper.

That would be a guaranteed solution to raising the incomes and living standards of millions of Canadians, regardless of what AI or any other disruptive technology has in store in the years to come.

To learn more about how we can "Regenerate Canada", email me at info@economiccharter.ca.

Author Bio

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Sleeping in Cars aims to raise awareness of homelessness

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Homelessness is prevalent in Haliburton County.

Living in a car is the only option for many.

For the fourth year, Places for People is hosting Sleeping in Cars to raise awareness about the pressing issue in the community.

"We host this so we can get together to talk about what our vision is for affordable housing in Haliburton County and all the ways that we can affect change now rather than later," said Nataly Mylan, Sleeping in Cars coordinator. "It stemmed from the fact that rural homelessness in Haliburton County looks very different from urban settings. A lot of people here end up sleeping in their cars, so we want to get people to experience a little bit of discomfort from that one night."

Attendees are invited to bring their cars, blankets, and pillows to Head Lake Park on Friday, Mar. 22 starting at 7 p.m. to join in the conversation.

Once it's time to sleep, everyone retires to their cars to gain a first-hand experience.

"You realize how much privacy you lose, how much stress it would put on your family and your job. Personal care becomes so much more difficult, and it highlights how grateful we all are to be able to go home to a nice warm spot with a bed," Mylan said.

She explained that many young professionals in the county are currently facing homelessness.

"Who it is that's facing homelessness changes so much. That's one of our key messages this year, it's not always who you think might be struggling," she said.

There are currently 45 people registered.

There will be light refreshments and a campfire.

With her Sleeping in Cars toque on, Fay Martin of Minden shows how she spent the night in a sub-compact car during the Sleeping in Cars event to raise awareness and money for homelessness at a past event. Martin, who was the top fundraiser with a little more than $5,500 raised, helped the event hit a record fundraising total of more than $12,500 that year. Places for People is local organization that "creates and anages secure, quality housing in Haliburton County for low and moderate-income renters and creates the conditions in which they can thrive," per their website. /FILE

This year, ACM Designs has become a major fundraiser for the event.

"It's not just an affordability issue; it's mostly a supply issue. As an employer, I have witnessed firsthand how difficult it is to recruit and house our amazing talent; add affordability, and it's just impossible," said Andria Cowan-Molyneaux, owner of ACM Designs.

"We're just absolutely thrilled to have their support," Mylan added. "We really have to acknowledge how hard it is that average, everyday people are struggling to be housed in safe secure housing."

To register, visit www.placesforpeople.ca/news/sleeping-in-cars-takes-place-march-22.

"If you have registered yet, there is absolutely still time. Come the day of, bring your pledge sheet, and join us."

End of the line

It was emotional night for the Haliburton County Huskies and their fans on Saturday as they played their final game of the year. Competing against the Cobourg Cougars in the first round of playoffs, the two teams were battling for best out of seven games. The Huskies won the first, but lost the next four, finishing their season. /TIM YANO Special to *the Echo*

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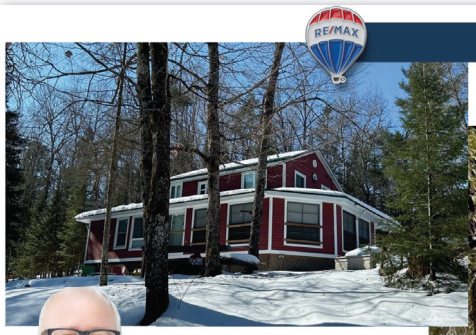

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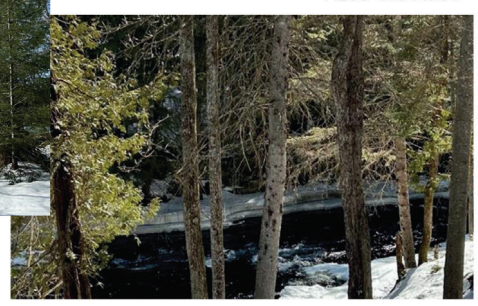

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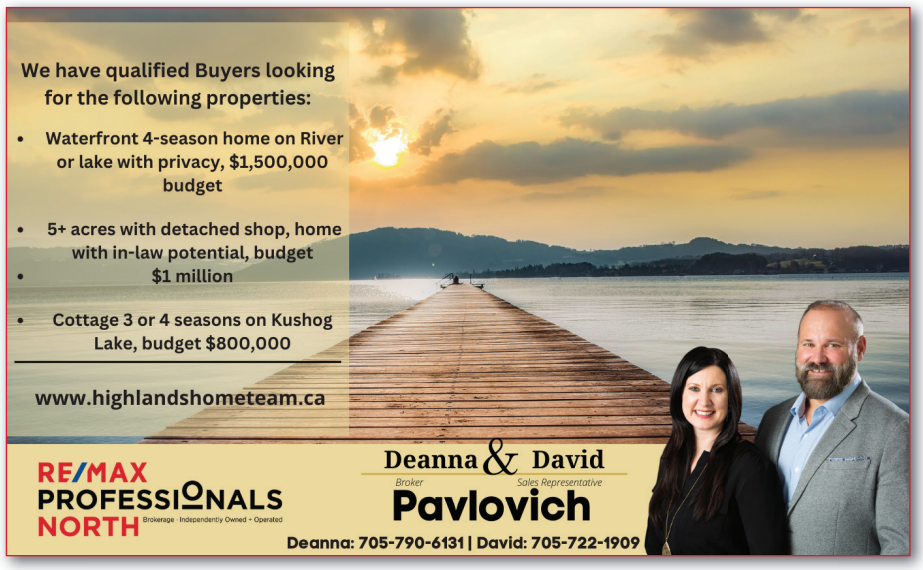
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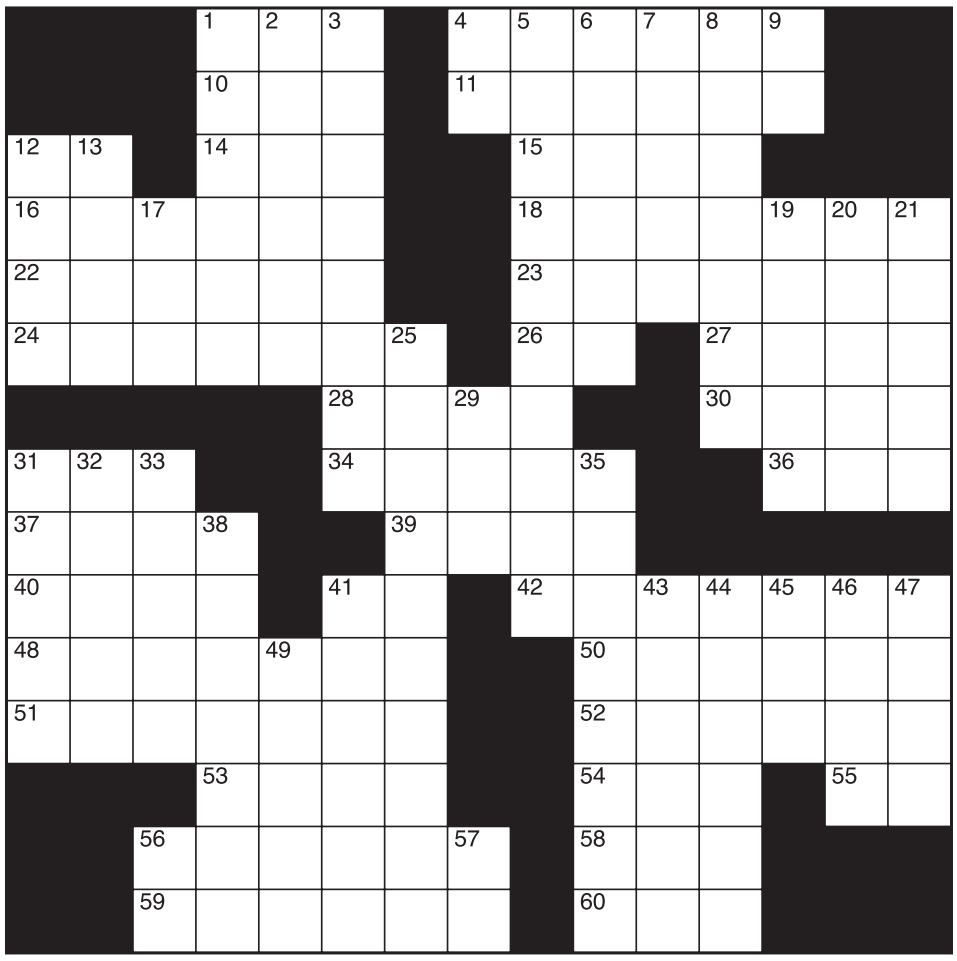

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1. Small Eurasian deer
4. Irish county
10. A major division of geological time
11. Broadway actor Lane
12. Canadian province (abbr.)
14. Human gene
15. Two
16. A famous one is blue
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Ring-shaped objects
23. Spoils
24. Occurs
26. Commercial
27. Near
28. Products you may need
30. Pledge thrown down as a challenge
31. TV network
34. Silk or cotton garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republics
37. Retired American football coach Dean
39. Hot dish
40. A type of gin
41. Atomic #84
42. Sawhorse
48. About ground
50. Medicine man
51. Seedless raisin
52. Capital of Albania
53. Appendage
54. OJ trial judge
55. By the way (abbr.)
56. Bicycle parts
58. Barbie's friend
59. Moved oneÕs neck to see
60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN
1. Make up for
2. Baltimore ballplayer
3. Salary
4. Influential world body
5. Engravers
6. Declared as fact
7. One who steals
8. Jewelry
9. Hospital employee (abbr.)
12. Nonsense (slang)
13. Town in Galilee
17. Value
19. A fake name
20. Sheep in their second year
21. Town in Surrey, England
25. Appropriate for a particular time of year
29. Creative works
31. Recesses
32. W. Pacific island group
33. Tolkien character
35. Ancient symbol co-opted by the Nazi party
38. Pioneer
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
44. Lowest members of British nobility
45. Actress Thurman
46. Type of sugar
47. Crest of a hill
49. N. American people of British Columbia
56. Device
57. The Mount Rushmore State

Answers on page 14

Sir Sam's got talent!

Connor shares a joke with the crowd during the Sir Sam's Got Talent Show, one of their featured March Break events, on Friday, Mar. 15. /TIM YANO Special to *the Echo*

Ivy and Zoe perform a dance as their talent show act.

The talent show contestants play music chairs in between acts.

Halco Electronics to close shop this month

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Editor

Halco Electronics, a staple storefront of Haliburton's downtown for the past few decades, is getting ready to power down and close up.

Owner Don van Nood said it's time for retirement after nearly 25 years of managing his home away from home on Highland Street.

"This store really allowed us to give back to the community. We met so many great people through this business," van Nood said.

The closure comes at the same time as the purchase of The Source by Best Buy and Bell Canada.

Half of the country's 300 The Source stores will close, and about 165 are being rebranded as Best Buy Outlets, a change van Nood said wouldn't have been beneficial for them.

As an electronics technician by trade, van Nood was always interested in the Radio Shack world.

"My late wife brought the opportunity to become a partner at Haliburton's Radio Shack to my attention," he said.

Van Nood was the chief building official for Dysart at the time.

Don van Nood prepares to retire from Halco Electronics in the village of Haliburton after almost 25 years of ownership and management. The store will close permanently at the end of the month. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

He went in as a partner with Greg Bishop in 1999 before eventually taking over the business.

Prior to moving back to the county, he used his skills to fix hematology and chemistry analysers for hospitals and medical labs in Cambridge.

"I came up to Haliburton and was going to retire, but ended up working part time for Radio Shack, then I got a full time position with the township and did part time work at Radio Shack," he laughed. "And then of course, I ended up full-time at Radio Shack and have been here ever since."

He reminisced as his classic rock playlist echoed through speakers in the store and pulled out an old Radio Shack catalogue from the 80s.

"When we first started, there were hardly any cell phones. The ones that existed were either the great big ones that went under the seat of your car or a huge hand set. We sold cassette decks, CD players, amplifiers and stereos, picture tube TVs," he said.

Times have changed.

He said when he started, a 26" TV was $1,000.

"What can you buy for $1,000 now? An 85 inch."

Now, the big sellers are cell phones and internet products.

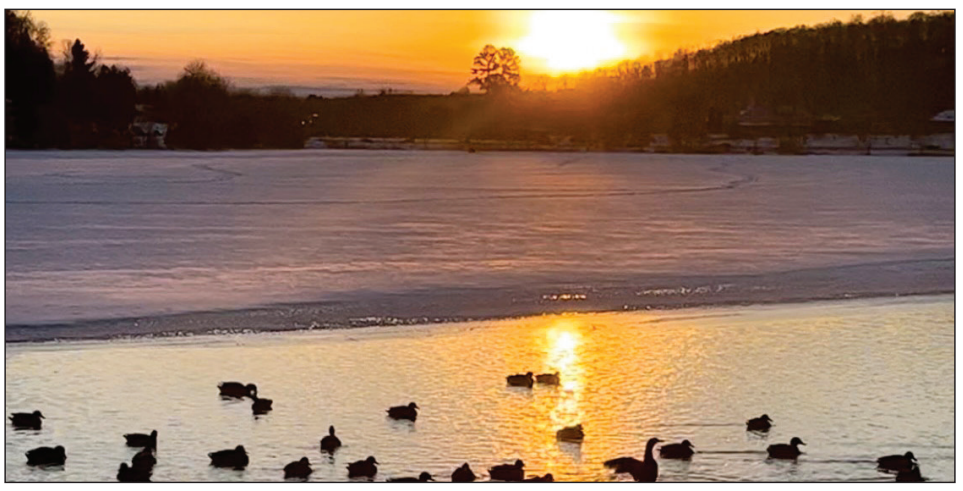
"It's what's driving Bell to buy The Source in the first place," van Nood said. "The way business is done is so different. All of the ordering is done online."

Van Nood said he will be staying in the community and looks forward to spending more time with his two grandchildren.

The official last day for the store is March 30 with a move out date of March 31.

It's time for our Ice Out Contest!

When do you think the ice will completely melt off of Head Lake in Haliburton? Send in the date and time of your guess with your name and contact information to vivian@haliburtonpress.com or call 705-457-1037 by Monday, Mar. 25. The closest guess will win a free year subscription to the *Echo*.



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Central Food Network revs up food access

Central Food Network is thrilled to announce the success of its Food Van Project, which has revolutionized food distribution locally. The project, funded through a grant from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Local Food Infrastructure Fund and generous donations from the Rotary Club of Haliburton, 100.9 Canoe FM Radio bingo proceeds, and private donors, has exceeded all expectations.

The entire amount required for the van was funded faster than anticipated, highlighting the tremendous support and dedication of the community. Since rolling onto Central Food Network's lot seven months ago, the cargo van has been a game-changer, transporting an astounding 105,619 lbs of food with an estimated value of $371,779. Additionally, it has facilitated over 40 deliveries to other local food banks, diversifying the food available for all members of the community.

"This cargo van is not only empowering us to reach more individuals in need but also enables us to better collaborate with neighboring food banks, maximizing the impact of our collective efforts at a time when it's most needed," said Tina Jackson, Executive Director of Central Food Network. "We are incredibly grateful to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Rotary Club of Haliburton, 100.9 Canoe FM Radio, and all our generous donors whose contributions made this project possible."

The grant from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Local Food Infrastructure Fund provided essential support, while the contributions from local organizations and individuals demonstrated the community's united effort to address food access issues.

"Food security in our communities is very important to us, and we're proud to have played a part in this important initiative," said Aaron Hill, Rotary Club of Haliburton. "The success of the Food Cargo Van Project underscores the impact that can be achieved when organizations and individuals come together to support their community."

Kenn Mott, Highlands East volunteer Food Bank manager, does all of the driving for Central Food Network's van project. /Submitted

The majority of the food being transported is surplus food within the food bank network, highlighting the impact of food banks, food distributors and food producers in Ontario working together to ensure no food goes to waste.

Central Food Network remains committed to its mission of eliminating food insecurity in the Haliburton Highlands. The cargo van represents a significant step forward in achieving this goal by improving food distribution and ensuring that no one in the community goes hungry.

For more information about Central Food Network and its initiatives, please visit www.centralfoodnetwork.org.

Submitted

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Notice
(Applicant – Stoughton)

In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Billings Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024**, at 9:30 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

> Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 32 Concession 7, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on Plan 19R-10928 made by **Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd., completed June 17, 2019.**

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 12th day of March, 2024.

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Razamatazz brings magic to Haliburton

Prepare for a dazzling spectacle on Sunday at Eric Leclerc's show Mr. E Takes Off His Mask on Mar. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. /Photo submitted

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

Bring your friends and family to the upcoming Razzamataz Kids' Show starring Eric Leclerc.

While originally from Ottawa, Leclerc has performed all over the world and is bringing a jaw-dropping magic show to Haliburton.

"Think you know what magic is? Think again!" said Nicole Stewart, chair of Razzamatazz.

"Eric Leclerc is a two-time Canadian magic champion, performing a healthy dose of laughter for your soul and feel-good magic for your brain! Originally from Ottawa, Leclerc currently travels the world performing tricks, pranks and all things magic," said Stewart.

Leclerc's show, Mr E. Takes Off His Mask will amaze an audience of all ages through comedy and jaw-dropping feats.

The show will take place on Sunday Mar. 24 at 2p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Eric Leclerc's YouTube channel has over 10,000,000 total views and over 130,000 subscribers.

"He currently co-hosts the game show AU DEFI on TFO networks and is a regular guest on National Geographic's top rated show Brain Games. His original magic and hilariously crazy attitude have made him a 2-time winner of the Canadian Magic Championship title," said Stewart.

Leclerc has also successfully fooled Penn and Teller on Penn & Teller: Fool Us.

"This magic show is designed to delight both young and old and is suitable for children and adults alike," said Stewart.

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County File No: 4624-OPA-003
Applicant: Municipality of Dysart
Municipality:
Municipality of Dysart
Subject Lands: Geographic area of Municipality of Dysart in its entirety

Date of Decision: March 13, 2024
Date of Notice: March 14, 2024
Last Date of Appeal: April 3, 2024

NOTICE OF DECISION

With respect to an Official Plan Amendment Subsection 17 (35) and 22 of the *Planning Act*

A decision was made on the date noted above to approve Official Plan Amendment No. 3 to the Official Plan of the Municipality of Dysart et.al. adopted by the Council for the Municipality of Dysart et.al. on December 12, 2023 via By-Law No. 2023-111, and approved by County Council on March 13, 2024.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment is to update the policies relating to additional dwelling units, the requirements for complete applications and the types of planning applications that require pre-consultation with the Municipality, to strengthen the policy in response to recent changes to the Planning Act, which are designed to provide a range and mix of housing options and densities while streamlining the application process.

This amendment applies to the geographic area of Municipality of Dysart in its entirety.

When/How to File a Notice of Appeal:

Any appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) must be filed with no later than 20 days from the date of this notice as shown above as the last date of appeal.

The notice of appeal must be filed with the County of Haliburton and it must:

(1) set out the reasons for the appeal and the specific part of the proposed official plan or plan amendment to which the appeal applies; and

(2) be accompanied by the fee prescribed by the Ontario Land Tribunal in the amount of $400.00 ($1000.00 for corporations) payable by certified cheque or money order to the "Minister of Finance".

(3) contain the completed Appellant Form (A1), which can be obtained directly from the Ontario Land Tribunal website http://olt.gov.on.ca/forms- submissions/

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No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal unless, before the plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable

When the Decision is Final:

The decision of the County of Haliburton is final if a Notice of Appeal is not received on or before the last day for filing a Notice of Appeal noted above.

Getting Addition Information:

Additional information about the amendment is available for public inspection during regular during regular office hours at the County of Haliburton Planning Department at the address noted below or from the office of the municipality noted above.

Mailing Address for Filing a Notice of Appeal:

County of Haliburton
Planning Department
11 Newcastle Street
P.O. Box 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

Attention:
Gary Dyke, CAO
Telephone: 705-286-1333
gdyke@haliburtoncounty.ca

Effect of Written and Oral Submissions on Decision:

No written or oral submissions were received in response to the notice of application sent to every landowner pursuant to Clause 17(15) of the Planning Act and Section 3 and 4 of O. Reg. 543/06 as amended.

Submissions from Public
None
Effect on Decision
N/A

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Expected Start date: April 1, 2024

Candidates must enjoy working outside. A typical work week is 40 hours with potential for overtime. Willing to take required government safety certifications such as WHMIS. Able to support a positive team environment. Salary Range: Both Housekeeping/Laundry and Maintenance/Grounds keeping: $17.50 - $19.50 per hour based on experience. **Submit resume by email to Jay@camptimberlane.ca**

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Peter Baumgartner

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Monday morning, March 11, 2024 in his 98th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Pauline Baumgartner (nee Schmidt). Loving father of Gary (Elsbeth). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Nicole (Jarod) and Gregory (Christine) and by his great grandchildren Rhett, Scottie, Pierce and Lennon. Predeceased by his brother Rudolf (Elfriede). Also remembered by his daughter-in-law Linda Baumgartner, by his nieces Sabine, Lisa, nephew Stephen and his many friends. Peter & Pauline owned and operated Locarno Resort in Haliburton for many years before retiring.

Celebration Of Life

A Celebration of Peter's life will take place at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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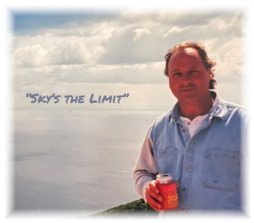

In Loving Memory of

David W Harrison

(April 5th, 1953 - March 1st, 2024)

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing, David Wilfred Harrison. David was one-of-a-kind, living life on his own terms right until the end. A naturally hard-working entrepreneur from a young age, successfully growing multiple business ventures throughout his lifetime. He was equally as dedicated to work as he was to having fun, and ensuring everyone around him took chances, and had a good time. A mentor to so many, a father to Jeffrey (Naomi) and Laura (Jake), grandfather to Jaxon, Hayden and Haylee, and beloved brother to Carol, Maureen and Jim. Life of the party, taking chances, and living by the rules "drive fast take chances" and "Sky's the Limit" for most of his life. His strength was tested and proven throughout the last years of his life as he overcame many physical challenges and illnesses, while supported by family and neighbours, right to the end. David passed peacefully in his sleep on Friday, March 1st, 2024. He will forever be in our hearts and memories, and greatly missed by all who knew him. A Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024 at the Wilberforce Legion (drop in) from 1pm-3pm and then a formal Celebration of Life at 3pm in Harcourt at the Algonquin Cookhouse. Arrangements are under the care and direction of RUSHNELL FUNERAL HOME, 60 Division Street, Trenton (613-392-2111). To leave a condolence or to share memories of David, please visit rushnellfuneralhomes.com

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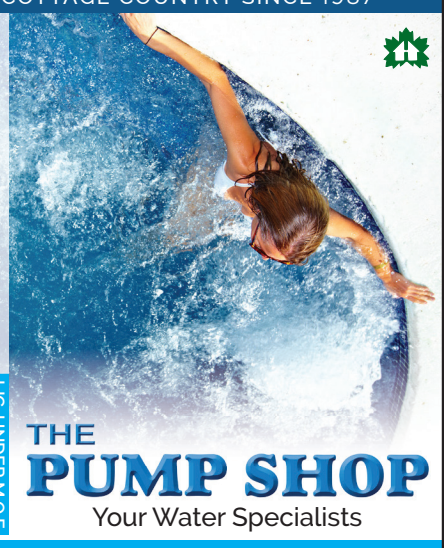

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POLITICS

Highlands East taxes set to rise

ANGELICA BLENICH
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 23 meeting of Highlands East council.

Highlands East CAO/treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig presented council officials with the 2010 preliminary municipal budget to review and process, which estimated the tax rate will need to increase slightly over last year.

Some of the 2009 budget highlights include additional revenues in the amount of $73,672 from supplementary taxes and $61,735 from the sale of roads machinery and gravel pit royalties. Additional revenue was also received from other areas such as building permits and penalty and interest on taxes.

Additional expenditures for the municipality include costs associated with the Ward 3 (Gooderham area) municipal complex, which include $17,860 for mould clean up and $7,327 for renovations to the building department. Other expenditures included covering half of the $25,896 additional costs for Cardiff trails.

See **Budget** *page 4*

TERRANCE GAVAN/Echo

Big air

Boarders and skiers including Drew Van Lieshout finished off the winter season at Sir Sam's Ski Area March 20 with the Big Air event.

A GOLDEN YEAR

How the Atom AE team became champs

JENN WATT
Editor

No one could have predicted from the Highland Storm Atom AE team's humble beginnings that they would have ended up at the minor hockey league finals.

Or that they would have won.

At the start of the season, the AEs had just 10 players, no goalie, coach, manager or trainer.

They managed to pull together the coaching and training staff – parents working dozens of hours a week voluntarily – but two games into the season still didn't have a goaltender.

So the team, composed to 9- and 10-year-olds, asked 7-year-old Jake O'Neill to stand in net.

Then fortunes changed; Dave McKay, Ontario Minor Hockey Association rep, helped the AEs connect with Bancroft goalie Anthony Bertucca.

"We got him starting game three," says Kevin Crofts Sr., hockey dad and avid Storm fan, "and from the first period of that first game, I thought, we've got a goalie!"

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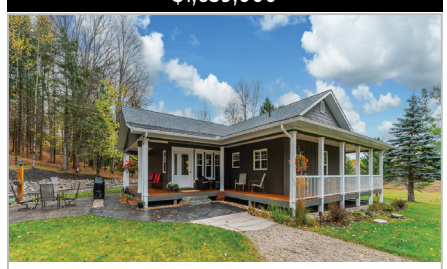

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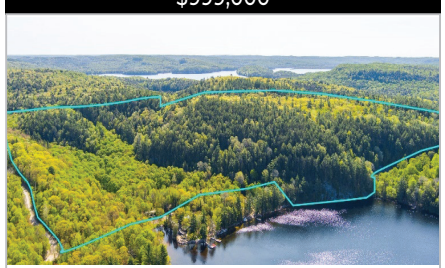

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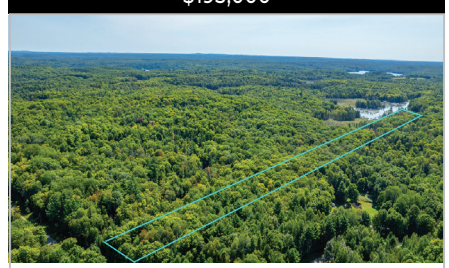

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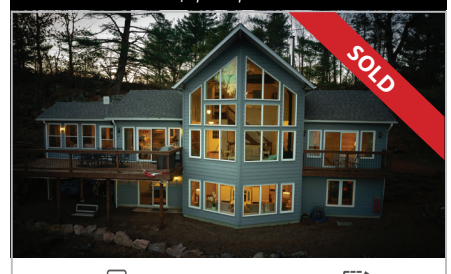

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